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As a below named inventor, I declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, the ding the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this Declaration, that the information given rerein is true, they believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below at 201 et seq., of the invention entitled: DEC 0 5 2000 LOW VOID ADSORPTION SYSTEMS AND USES THEREOF which is described and claimed in: PADEMA the attached specification or the specification in application Serial No. 09/664,390 18/9/00 amended filed (for declaration not accompanying application) (Day, Month, Year) (Day, Month, Year) that I acknowledge a duty to disclose information I am aware of which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application and that as to applications for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America, the earliest filed foreign application(s) filed within twelve months prior to the filing date of this application and all foreign applications filed more than twelve months prior to the filing date of this application are identified at 600, and, as required, 601 below. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX: No earlier-filed applications 900 Required information as to foreign applications filed prior to filing date of this application is at 601 on page 2 attached hereto and made a part hereof. POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number) Blake T. Biederman Reg. No. 34124 Stanley Ktorides Reg. No. 29399 Donald T. Black Reg. No. 27999 Robert J. Follett Reg. No. 39566 Bemard Lau Reg. No. 38218 David M. Rosenblum Reg. No. 29341 Steven T. Trinker Reg. No. 28274 SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO: DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO: PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC. Robert J. Follett Law Department M1-557 (203) 837-2363 39 Old Ridgebury Road Danbury, CT 06810-5113 FULL AST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME NAME OF INVENTOR **FRANK** NOTARO RESIDENCE STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP 201 & CITIZENSHIF Amherst New York U.S.A POST POST OFFICE ADDRESS ZIP CODE OFFICE ADDRESS 18 Harcroft Court Amherst N.Y 14226 FULL MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME FIRST NAME NAME OF INVENTOR **STEWART** AI AN BARNARD RESIDENCE STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY CITIZENSHII U.S.A. Snyder New York POST OFFICE ADDRESS POST ZIP CODE STATE OR COUNTRY OFFICE ADDRESS Snyder 14226 69 Washington High Way N.Y IRST NAME MIDDLE NAME FULL NAME OF INVENTOR NOWOBILSKI JEFFERT JOHN COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP RESIDENCE STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY 203 CITIZENSHII Orchard Park USA New York POST POST OFFICE ADDRESS STATE OR COUNTRY ziP CODE OFFICE ADDRESS N.Y. 48 Faahs Road Orchard Park 14127 Additional matter on page 2 attached hereto and made a part hereof. When page 2 is used, all signatures must be signed on page 2. 300 X Yes List of Applicants continued on page 2 П № I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issuing thereon. DATE DATE DATE

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